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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS FOR PROMOTING GROWTH OF BONE, LIGAMENT, AND CARTILAGE

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 511 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 511 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/664,432

Applicant(s)

HART ET AL.

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 7/2/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-9, 11 and 22-25 to issue as claims 2-4, 6, 8, 5, 9, 7, 1 and 10-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED OFFICE ACTION

The request filed on 02 July 2008 for a Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/664,432 is acceptable, and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Applicant's response filed on 02 July 2008 is acknowledged and entered.

Currently, claims 2-9, 11 and 22-25 are pending and under consideration.

Withdrawal of Objections and Rejections:

All prior art rejections of claims 2-9, 11 and 22-25 made in the last Office Action are withdrawn for the reasons below.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 2-9, 11 and 22-25 of the present invention are directed to a method for promoting growth of bone, ligament, or cartilage by administering a composition comprising a homodimer protein, wherein each of the polypeptide chains consists of residues X-345 of SEQ ID NO:2, and X is an integer from 226 to 235, inclusive. The polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 is believed to be a member of VEGF family, and designated zveg3. Prior art search results reveal that Ferrara et al. (US6,455,283 B1) discloses a human vascular endothelial growth factor, VEGF-E, which amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 is 100% identical to the present SEQ ID NO:2, and can form hetero- and homodimers. Additionally, Ferrara teaches that VEGFE may be used to stimulate wound healing or tissue regeneration and associated therapies connected with regrowth of tissues such as, among others, connective tissue, skin, bone, cartilage, and would be useful for indications where angiogenesis is desired such as, among others, osteoporosis, and has application in the healing of bone fractures and cartilage damage or defect in humans or other animals. Ferrara does not specifically teach the function growth factor domain of VEGF-E, consisting of residues X-345, wherein X is an integer from 226-235 comprising, nor the homodimer thereof, as that in the instant invention.

The examiner rejected the present claims based on the Ferrara reference, indicating that it would have been obvious to make the homodimer of the polypeptide fragments as defined in the instant claims because mapping out a functional fragment or defining the structural-functional relationship of a newly discovered protein was both desirable and routine in the art at the time the present invention was filed, so long as the sequence and functional activity were known. For supporting evidence, the examiner cited Uutela et al. (US7,105,481), which discloses a new member of the PDGF/VEGF family of growth factors, PDGF-D, which is closely related to the PDGF-C in the instant application, and stimulates connective tissue growth or wound healing. Additionally, Uutela teaches that an additional member of the PDGF/VEGF family, PDGF-C, has a two-domain structure, a N-terminal CUB domain, and a C-terminal PDGF/VEGF homology domain, and PDGF-C requires proteolytic removal of the N-terminal CUB domain for receptor binding and activation of the receptor. Further, Uutela teaches that PDGF-D also comprises a N-terminal CUB domain, and a C-terminal PDGF/VEGF homology domain, and teaches a truncated form of PDGF-D with N-terminal truncation, and comprising residues 254-370 of SEQ ID NO:8 (a portion of the PDGF/VEGF homology domain of PDGF-D), which extends toward the N-terminus up to residue 234 of SEQ ID NO:8 (column 8, lines 24-36), and that the truncated homodimer PDGF-DD retains the functional activity.

Applicants argue, in the response filed on 02 July 2008, 1) that the Uutela reference is not prior art to the instant application, as only one of its U.S. provisional application, 60/107,852, was filed prior to Applicants' effective filing date of December 7, 1998, and it does not disclose a two domain structure for either PDGF-C or PDGF-D, and does not teach or suggest a "truncated form of PDGF-D comprising residues 254-370 of SEQ ID NO:8 (pages 5-6); 2) that the inventive entity of the Uutela patent, including the claimed priority applications, includes Dr. Ulf Eriksson, whose research has been particularly focused on the PDGF/VEGF family of growth factors, including PDGF-C and PDGF-D, accordingly, Dr. Eriksson is a person of particularly high expertise with regard to PDGF/VEGF growth factor family members, including PDGF-C and -D, and the Uutela reference cannot be considered as representative of an ordinarily skilled artisan, and thus the scientific work discussed in Uutela relating to PDGF-C and -D cannot be presumed *a priori* to have been "routine" in the art (pages 6-7).

While applicants argument regarding point 2) is not sound, the first point (point 1)) is persuasive: although the Uutela reference is not used for the prior art rejection per se, the fact that the relevant content of Uutela was disclosed after Applicants' effective filing date does not suggest that the "routine" indicated by the examiner had been established in the art at the time of the present invention was filed. As such, the prior art rejections are withdrawn.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion:

Claims 2-9, 11 and 22-25 are allowed.

Advisory Information:

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Dong Jiang whose telephone number is 571-272-0872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol, can be reached on 571-272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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